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Mr. Charles F. Lummis,
200 East Ave. 43,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Lummis:

¶ I received yesterday, after being forwarded from place to place, your circular announcing the publication of your new volume. I regret very much that circumstances are such at present that I cannot give you an order, but if a review in Overland will be of service to you I shall be more than glad to give adequate space to it in my own department.

¶ With the best of good wishes for your continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry Noyes Pratt
Poetry Editor

Harry Noyes Pratt
2032 Clinton Ave.,
Alameda, California.

November 2, 1923.

Mr. Harry Noyes Pratt,

Editorial Rooms THE OVERLAND MONTHLY,

Phelan Building, San Francisco.

Dear Mr. Pratt:

Certainly I will be glad to send you a copy of my "Spanish Songs of Old California" for review in THE OVERLAND MONTHLY, and will thank you for that pious office.

The first edition is already practically subscribed ahead of publication. You will receive a copy in about three weeks.

Very sincerely yours,

CFL/R

*2037 Chilton Ave
Alameda, Cal.*

CHAS. F. LUMMIS
800 East Ave 45
Los Angeles, Cal.

December 13, 1923.

For 38 years I have been trying to save the old Spanish songs of the Southwest, and have collected a great number. They were never published, and in fact they are rapidly disappearing - the very people who have largely forgotten them!

Mr. Harry Noyes Pratt,
2032 Clinton Ave.,
Alameda, Calif.

Dear Mr. Pratt: It is a sin and a folly to let such songs disappear. These heart-soft and heart-rending folk-songs of the Southwest are the very life of the Southwest. As promised, am sending you a copy of my Book of "Spanish Songs of Old California", for review. I am sure that quite aside from the high merit of the Songs musically and for the folk-lore, you will realize the historic value of this first authentic and competent attempt to save from oblivion the Songs that were part of the daily life of Pastoral California. These are Songs that Dana and Fremont heard and loved--- and they were becoming almost extinct.

The warm welcome given the Book, even in advance of publication--- an edition and a half sold out before anyone saw the Book at all--- promises that I shall be able in another year to issue a Second Book, with about 14 or 15 more Songs.

I will thank you for letting me see what you may write about it.

With best wishes,

Sincerely Yours,

I must be very brief in my subscription, and hope that this First Book may meet a welcome which will enable me to issue further books of about a dozen songs each, until we shall have preserved at least a reasonable representation of that quaint, genuine and fascinating folk-song which flowered in the Pastoral days of California "Before the Game".

I enclose blanks and will be grateful for any subscription you may be willing to make for yourself and to secure among your friends. What better for Christmas and New Year gifts?

Always Your Friend,